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## OUR LOCAL MARKETS.

Following are the prices paid by our merchants and dealers for the products named:

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| Butter   | 10 |
| Eggs     | 10 |
| Potatoes | 40 |

Wheat has been selling in the local market at 75 cents.

The two days-old girl baby of Mr. and Mrs. Will Nelson died Tuesday.

N. Thomas has sold his large barn to his son Wesley, who is moving it onto his Main street lot.

Broughton has just returned from Chicago, where he has been buying summer dress goods.

Sid. Northrop, who has been sojourning in Minnesota during the past year, returned home, yesterday.

The township board of review will meet in the council room on Monday and Tuesday of next week.

The temperance lecturer, who was to speak at the court house last evening failed to put in an appearance.

The county Y. P. S. C. E. convention will be held at Hartford, Wednesday and Thursday, June 19 and 20.

Mrs. I. W. Hulbert has been seriously ill for a week and is still confined to her bed, although she is now improving.

Seward & Marshall are selling their new spray pumps as fast as they can make them. See new adv. with cut of sprayer.

Clara Anderson expects to attend the national C. E. convention at Boston, and will probably be the only representative of the Paw Paw societies.

Supr. Chapin returned from Cold water last evening, where he had been to take a couple of Gobleville children named Gartley, to the state prison school.

Fruit men do not particularly care whether or not the predicted frost comes on the night of the 28th. They have little or nothing left to be injured thereby.

Mrs. E. Neff went to South Bend on a visit and was taken sick. Her daughter, Maybelle Briggs, went after her and brought her home Wednesday. She is still dangerously ill.

The Maccares have a fine new hall in the second story of G. W. Longwell's building, next to the First National Bank, and held their first meeting there last evening. The hall is lighted by electricity and will be well furnished. It will be one of the pleasantest society halls in town.

At the recent meeting of the grand lodge, Knights of Pythias, at Kalamazoo, the feasibility of instituting a lodge of the order in this place was discussed. There are a number of Knights already here, and they have received letters from outside in reference to the matter and it is probable an effort will be made in that direction in the near future.

The frosts of last week and the fore part of this week did immense damage in this county. The story of the devastation in various localities is told by our correspondents. The grape crop is practically a total loss, as are also cherries, pears and plums, while apples and peaches are somewhat injured. Rye, wheat and oats have suffered. The outlook is a gloomy one, especially for those depending upon fruit culture.

At the regular council meeting Monday evening, after the transaction of routine business, an order was made for the building of 135 rods of new sidewalk and some crosswalks. It was voted to purchase gravel for street use from Ed. C. Tuckey at eight cents per load. Trustee Thayer was appointed to superintend the graveling and work is now in progress repairing roads, after which some new graveling will be done.

Billy Hoodmaker of Alma has a very prolific sow of the Chester White breed. Two years ago in the summer, she gave her first litter of ten pigs. Last spring, a year ago, she had twenty, last fall fifteen, and now again she has littered twenty live pigs and is bringing up thirteen. This is sixty-five pigs in four litters in less than two years. Billy doesn't want to swap her off for a horse, nor for a flock of sheep, so there is no use going over to try to get her in exchange for unprofitable stock.

At the recent meeting of the Paw Paw alumni the usual committees were appointed to arrange for the annual reunion, which will be held Friday evening, June 20. The arrangements committee have decided to accept the kind invitation of Miss Clara Anderson to hold the reception at her home. After that will come the banquet, which will be prepared by the ladies of the Free Baptist church. The place of holding the banquet has not been definitely determined, but probably it will be at the opera house.

The Paw Paw bonding bill has passed the legislature and only lacks the governor's signature to make it law. The senate amended the bill so that it now reads: "The township of Paw Paw in the county of Van Buren is hereby authorized and empowered to borrow money on the faith and credit of said township and to issue bonds therefor to an amount not exceeding \$30,000, which shall be used for building and repairing of highways, bridges, avenues of transportation within said township, provided that two-thirds of the electors of said township, voting at an election to be called, shall vote in favor of such bonding." The bill as amended is not entirely satisfactory to our people, as by its terms the money must be expended in the township. This looks as though it would be impossible to build an electric road from here to Lawton, mostly through Antwerp township. While the measure is far from satisfactory to the promoters of the bonding idea, it may yet prove a convenient thing for the township to use in securing a road somewhere, sometime.

Quite a number of Paw Pawians took in the Ringling show at Kalamazoo, yesterday.

A wooden awning has been built over the upper windows on the east side of the Longwell block.

A small company of young people were entertained at tea at the home of R. W. Broughton, Tuesday evening.

An Italian fruit store will be started soon in B. O'Dell's building recently vacated by the Chinese laundry.

Mrs. E. D. Bierce was taken with severe hemorrhage of the lungs last Saturday. She has so far recovered as to be able to sit up.

## Primary School Money.

The following statement shows the semi-annual apportionment of primary school money to the several townships of this county. The basis is sixty-one cents per scholar.

| Township    | No. Child'n | Am't ap'd |
|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| Alma        | 284         | \$ 173.24 |
| Antwerp     | 528         | 322.08    |
| Arlington   | 530         | 323.30    |
| Bangor      | 779         | 475.19    |
| Bloomington | 710         | 433.10    |
| Columbia    | 409         | 249.49    |
| Covert      | 446         | 272.26    |
| Decatur     | 586         | 357.46    |
| Geneva      | 460         | 280.60    |
| Hamilton    | 276         | 168.36    |
| Hartford    | 626         | 381.86    |
| Keeler      | 395         | 240.95    |
| Lawrence    | 443         | 270.23    |
| Paw Paw     | 637         | 388.77    |
| Pine Grove  | 434         | 264.74    |
| Porter      | 517         | 315.37    |
| South Haven | 1074        | 654.54    |
| Waverly     | 577         | 351.47    |
| Total       | 9248        | \$5641.28 |

## The Prettiest Pacer He Ever Saw.

THE TRUE NORTHERNER.

GENTLEMEN:

The following letter I hand you for publication, I just received from Dr. Rowe of Allegan:

ALLEGAN, May 10, 1895.

A. T. HALL—DEAR SIR: Mr. Josephyn has had for five weeks my bay filly by Ashland Prince. She was 2 yrs. old Apr. 1, '95. Yesterday he drove her 4 in 19 sec. This morning he drove her eighth in 23 1/2, 24 1/2, 21. I timed her myself this morning and she showed just before the last eighth for 15 or 20 rods a 2:15 clip and is the cleanest, prettiest pacer I ever saw. I see the Village Farm is feeling considerable large over their 2 yr. old, "Golden Lass" first time to sulky 1/2 21 sec. My filly ("Beth B") first time to sulky, 1/2 in 45 sec., 2nd time 1/2 in 19 sec., and this to high wheels and over a poor track. Who has a better one?

Yours Truly,

W. E. ROWE.

## Library Money.

The following amounts of library money have been apportioned to the several townships of the county, by the county treasurer.

|             |          |
|-------------|----------|
| Alma        | \$10.73  |
| Antwerp     | 31.31    |
| Arlington   | 31.43    |
| Bangor      | 46.19    |
| Bloomington | 42.10    |
| Columbia    | 24.35    |
| Covert      | 21.67    |
| Decatur     | 34.75    |
| Geneva      | 27.47    |
| Hamilton    | 16.36    |
| Hartford    | 40.08    |
| Keeler      | 18.68    |
| Lawrence    | 26.67    |
| Paw Paw     | 39.69    |
| Pine Grove  | 36.74    |
| Porter      | 19.98    |
| South Haven | 63.59    |
| Waverly     | 19.39    |
| Total       | \$548.25 |

## Memorial Day.

Next week, Thursday, May 20, is that most pathetic of our national holidays, Memorial Day. The order of exercises for that day has already been published in the NORTHERNER, but we will briefly review the program.

At 9 a. m. members of the Grand Army will assemble at the post room and details will be sent to properly decorate soldiers' graves in the Old, Bangs, Clapp, Catholic, Wilkey and Cuddeback cemeteries. After their return, at 10:30 the line will be formed, headed by Fifer Cummings and Drummer Bullard, and the march will be made to Prospect Hill, where the ceremony of the order will take place over the grave of Comrade E. A. Blackman.

At 1:30 in the afternoon, the following exercises will be had, in the court house yard, if the weather is pleasant; otherwise in the Disciple church.

## PROGRAM.

- 1—Music by martial band.
- 2—Prayer by Rev. Brundage.
- 3—Song by glee club.
- 4—Program by public school.
  - a—Song, "Memorial Day," by Miss Bryar's school.
  - b—Recitation, "The Meaning of the Day," by Viola Monroe.
  - c—Recitation, "Our Nation," by Retta Chapman.
  - d—Song, "Put the Bright Side Out to Mother," by Miss Wise's school.
  - e—Recitation, "Our Flag," by Alice Bangs.
  - f—Recitation, "Our Soldiers," by Zella Harvey.
  - g—Song, "A Thousand Years or More," by Miss Bryar's school.
  - 5—Oration by Judge B. F. Heckert.
  - 6—Song by glee club.
  - 7—Music by martial band.
  - 8—Remarks by the clergy.
  - 9—Remarks by citizens.
  - 10—Song by glee club.
  - 11—Music by martial band.
  - 12—Benediction.

The program by the school is a pleasing innovation in Paw Paw Memorial Day programs.

The popular martial music and special music prepared by the glee club will be interesting features.

Judge Heckert has a most excellent reputation as a Memorial Day orator away from home, and his address at home will certainly not be less appreciated.

Not only are all our citizens invited to help make the day a success, but all the people from the surrounding country and villages will be welcome.

It is requested that flowers be left at J. C. Warner's store on Wednesday afternoon.

## SUNKEN SHIPS.

American Gunboats That Went Down Forever.

Brief Review of Naval Losses During Century — Famous Men-of-War That Have Mysteriously Disappeared from View.

Since the last great storm swept across the Atlantic it has become reasonably certain that more than one vessel has been swallowed up in the waves. In some instances the fate of the lost vessels has been learned from the wreckage seen by passing ships; but it has happened, many times since men first began to go down into the deep in ships, that an apparently stout staunch vessel has set sail gayly from port only to vanish as completely as if her voyage had been outside of the solar system. Even the American navy has suffered such losses, that are to-day and perhaps always will be an unsolved mystery.

The first important loss of this kind, says the Boston Advertiser, was the eighteen-gun man-of-war Saratoga, one of the few ships that composed the American navy 116 years ago. The loss of the Saratoga was in itself a story that might well attract the notice of a writer of fiction, as it occurred at the close of what promised to be a signally successful cruise. The Saratoga sailed from Philadelphia early in the autumn of 1779, and in October captured three vessels bound from Jamaica to New York. Returning toward Philadelphia with her prizes the Saratoga sighted the British man-of-war Intrepid, and being clearly out-matched escaped by putting off to the east. Her prizes were recaptured by the British, and she herself disappeared utterly from human ken.

Just about twenty years later the United States frigate Insurgent, carrying thirty-six guns, sailed from the Chesapeake Cape under orders to cruise between longitudes sixty-six degrees and sixty-eight degrees west and to go no farther south than thirty degrees north. It is probably within that very tract of the ocean that the Saratoga was lost, and it was regarded as significant by some of the old salts of the American navy at the beginning of the present century that the Insurgent, too, sailed off into the list of ships whose faith no man knows. For all one can say to the contrary the Insurgent and the Saratoga lie side by side off the Chesapeake Capes.

In the same year, the only year in which two of the American men-of-war mysteriously disappeared, the fourteen-gun brig Pickering was ordered to Guadeloupe to cruise along the coast there. In September, 1860, a heavy gale swept the ocean, and it was generally believed at the time that the Insurgent and the Pickering went down at about the same time and in practically the same storm. The Pickering was not a very seaworthy vessel when equipped with guns, and there is little question that she foundered during a gale, although there is of course no certainty as to her fate.

When in 1865 the United States decided to send ten gunboats to help in the war against Tripoli one of these vessels, known as "Gunboat No. 7," met with a mishap after leaving port and was forced to put back again. Perhaps if Lieut. James Lawrence, who commanded "Gunboat No. 6," had been assigned to the unlucky "No. 7," which Lieut. Ogilvie commanded, American naval history might have been different. As it was "No. 6" arrived safely, and Lawrence lived to defeat the Peacock and to fight the Shannon; but Lieut. Ogilvie's gunboat went forth again after repairs and sailed into the mysterious waters of the unknown, and another "missing" ship was entered on the navy's rolls.

The most famous of all the missing ships of the American navy was the Wasp. In its brief history it had a brilliant record, having within a period of five months taken fifteen vessels, valued at more than two hundred thousand dollars. Its prowess as a terror of the seas was so remarkable that its name had grown to be a menace to British merchantmen. Late in the year 1814, less than six months after she had left the Portsmouth navy yard for her career of victory, the Wasp disappeared completely. Perhaps some damage received in an encounter with the enemy had weakened the sloop's timbers so that she fell an easy prey to wind and water; but, whatever happened, she left no trace.

The last American man-of-war to vanish was the brig Epervier, which sailed from Decatur's fleet to the United States to bear the treaty made with the Dey of Algiers. July 12, 1815, the Epervier was last seen near the strait of Gibraltar. Since that time she, too, has joined the fleet of the missing. Where the vessels of that fleet lie and what became of the crews are matters that may never be known until the judgment day; but perhaps chance may yet throw some light on the question. In the meantime the theme is one that may well invite the attention of the imaginative novelist.

## Plenty of Big Game.

For an old settled state Arkansas has more game than any other. On the St. Francis river, where the canyons are tall and dense, the country seems alive with deer and bear. They have a peculiar way of hunting in these brakes. They keep dogs and horses specially trained for it. The dogs, perhaps twenty or thirty, are put in the brake, and the horses are trained to follow the dogs, and that is what they will do at all hazard. As soon as the dogs take a trail and begin to bay the horses strike out pell mell through woods, and brake, and swamp, jumping everything in their course, and plunging in a way that would terrify an English fox hunter. The rider has nothing to do, and that is sometimes more than enough, but to hold his seat. He must keep close to the dogs, for when the bear is brought to his hind legs there is danger of losing three or four of the valuable animals before the beast is killed.

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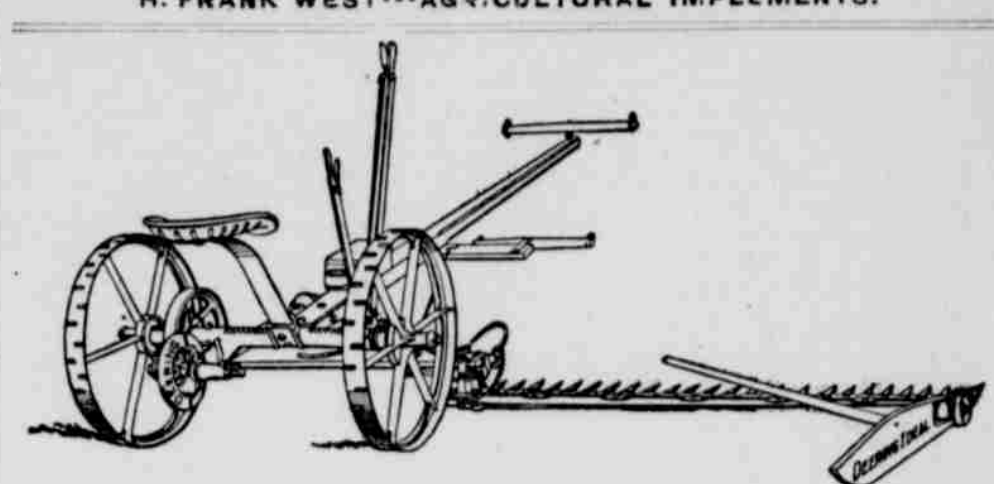
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